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ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911 SYSTEM COSTS

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Joel Jacobs  
Marshall Johnson  
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Don Storm

Chair  
Commissioner  
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In the Matter of **US West Communication's**  
Request for Approval of Certified Actual Costs  
Associated with the **Meeker County** 911  
Emergency Telephone Services System

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**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On August 25, 1981, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Meeker County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services System.

On May 2, 1983, US West Communications (the Company) placed a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone System into service in Meeker County.

On February 28, 1984, the Commission approved the Company's initial cost certification for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone System in Meeker County.

In November 1994, the Company added Automatic Number Identification (ANI) service in the Cosmos, Dassel, Grove City, Litchfield, Eden Valley and Watkins exchanges in Meeker County. In July 1995, the Company added Automatic Location Identification (ALI) service in the Cosmos, Dassel, Grove City, Litchfield, Eden Valley and Watkins exchanges in Meeker County.

On September 19, 1996, the Company certified the additional actual costs it incurred for the provision of 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Meeker County.

US West is now requesting Commission approval of actual 911 monthly recurring system costs associated with the provision of 911 service in the Cosmos, Dassel, Grove City, Litchfield, Eden Valley and Watkins exchanges in Meeker County. Commission approval is necessary before the Department of Administration (DOA) will make payments for 911 system costs.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11, subd. 3 states:

Subd. 3 (METHOD OF PAYMENT; CERTIFICATION.) A public utility

incurring reimbursable costs under subdivision 1 or 2 shall certify those costs to the commissioner of administration. The certification shall be in a form as prescribed by the commissioner after consultation with the public utilities commission. If the commissioner and the commission approve the certified costs as appropriate and accurate, the commissioner shall pay the certified costs from money appropriated for that purpose within 90 days following receipt by the commissioner of the certified costs. The commissioner of administration shall estimate the amount required to reimburse public utilities for the state's obligations under subdivisions 1 and 2 of this section and the governor shall include the estimated amount in the biennial budget request.

US West has certified, in writing, that the elements of 911 services and associated costs indicated on Attachment A reflect only charges for services actually rendered in the direct provision of 911 service in Meeker County.

All charges listed on Attachment A are in accordance with the Company's tariffs.

The Commission finds that the costs for 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Meeker County which have been certified by the Company are appropriate and accurate.

Policy References:

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11 System Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1400 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Recurring Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1500 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Central Office Modification Costs

**ORDER**

1. The costs identified on Attachment A accompanying this Order are approved as appropriate and accurate.
2. This Order does not approve payment of any 911 system costs. Any possible future approval of payment for system costs shall be granted by the Commissioner of the Department of Administration in accordance with the provisions of Minn. Stat. Section 403.11.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Burl Haar  
Executive Secretary

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STATE OF MINNESOTA)  
 )SS  
COUNTY OF RAMSEY )

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1996 (s)he served the attached Order Approving  
Certified 911 System Costs for Meeker County 911 Emergency Telephone Service  
Docket No. P-421/ES-96-1173.

XX By depositing in the United States Mail at the City of St. Paul, a true and correct  
copy thereof, properly enveloped with postage prepaid

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, \_\_\_\_\_

a notary public, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_, 1996.

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Notary Public